



Old, New, Borrowed and Blue: Dress Options

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Most brides-to-be have heard of the old English tradition of wearing something “old, new, borrowed and blue” on their wedding day for good luck. For most brides, the “something new” is their wedding dress. The “something new” symbolizes the life ahead of you, so you choose a new style that fits your unique personality and flatters you perfectly. But have you considered the old, borrowed or even blue options?

Recycle an Old Dress: Something old symbolizes your family, past and tradition. If you have a dress that your mother, grandmother or other important family member wore, consider wearing it if it fits you or can be altered to fit you, and you’re fond of the style, shape and condition of the dress. Vintage looks are in right now, and you can even have the dress altered (with permission, of course!) to fit your taste and figure. This Oklahoma bride wore a dress her grandmother once wore.



(Photo Credit – Pinterest)

You need not look to a family member to find a vintage wedding dress. Many old wedding dresses can be found on sites like eBay or Craigslist (currently 198 dresses available in the Indianapolis market alone), or even at your local, upscale vintage, thrift or secondhand store. You may opt for a new dress, but go for a vintage look, like this 2013 Marchesa gown.



(photo credit – Pinterest)

You may also have luck purchasing a used dress and save a bundle at sites such as OnceWed, Tradesy or PreOwnedWeddingDresses.

Choose a Borrowed Dress:

When you choose to borrow a dress, either from your mother, mother-in-law, sister or friend, it symbolizes borrowed happiness from another happy bride. As long as you follow proper etiquette when it comes to taking care when wearing the borrowed dress, and returning it, cleaned and pressed with no defects, after the wedding, we think you'll find this option is appealing, particularly if you fell in love with the particular style of dress that your friend or family member wore on their wedding day.

You can also borrow a wedding dress from sites like Rent the Runway, and get a designer dress for less (as long as you don't mind giving it back after your big day). For instance, this Badgley Mischka reflection gown retails for \$750, but can be rented for \$115 for up to 4 days.



(Photo Credit: Rent the Runway)

However, some brides simply won't borrow a dress because they feel like a dress represents their uniqueness and individual style. In that case, you can still incorporate the "borrow" theme into your wedding with borrowed bridesmaid dresses. Union Station offers tons of flattering bridesmaid dresses for rent on its website for as low as \$50.

Try Something Blue:

For the "something blue" part of the rhyme, which is symbolic of fidelity, purity and love, you could incorporate the color blue in so many different ways for your wedding dress. Here are some unique takes on the "something blue" scenario:

This gown proves that a wedding dress can be blue and still be gorgeous:



(Photo Credit: Intimateweddings.com)

This blue dress would be perfect for a “Cinderella” themed wedding:



(Photo Credit: AislePerfect.com)

Or perhaps all you need is a bit of blue, as in this seersucker sash on a white dress, perfect for a nautical wedding:



(Photo Credit: Pinterest)

Choosing your wedding dress can be a daunting task, but thinking of the old English custom of old, new, borrowed, blue may give you some new ideas on how to choose the perfect gown for your perfect day.

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